(b) whether Government propose to bridge the widening gap in power availability and demand in that region during the 8th Five Year Plan; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI URMILABEN CHIMANBHAI PATEL): (a) Yes, Sir. During the year 1994-95 the North-Eastern Region faced an energy shortage of 9.4 per cent as compared to All India shortage of 7.1 per cent.

(b) and (c) It is proposed to add 624.9 MW capacity in North-Eastern Region during the 8th Five Year Plan. Various other measures being taken to improve the availability of power in the North-Eastern Region included expediting commissioning of new generating units, implementation of better demand management and energy conservation measures, arrenging transfer of energy from surplus to deficit areas and promotion of private sector investment in power sector etc.

Private participation in Power Projects

3450. SHIR RAJ NATH SINGH: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to invite private participation in powexr projects in the country;

(b) whether Govrenment have floated global tenders for such participation, if so, the details of the projects and the private parties involved therein;

(c) whether Government have extended preferential treatment to foreign parties investing in power projects by offering guarantees and counter guarantees on risk capital, if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(d) whether Government propose to extend identical treatment to domestic power producing units including those in public sector, if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI URBILABEN CHIMANBHAI PATEL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Entrusting power projects to private promoters is within the purview of the State Government and as such no global tenders need to be invited by the Government of India for this purpose.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) The policy to encourage greater private sector participation in the power sector is equally applicable to Indian as well as foreign companies and private as well as public sector companies.

Gas based power projects by NTPC in Gujarat

3451. SHRI CHIMANBHAI HARIBHAI SHUKLA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Thermal Power Corporation propose to set-up gas-based power projects in Gujarat during 1994-95;

(b) if so, what are the locations of these projects;

(c) whether the leading points have been determined by Government;

(d) what is the source of fuel for these plants; and

(e) whether Government have worked out the estimated per unit cost of power to be generated through these plants if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI URMILABEN CHIMANBHAI PATEL): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) is implementing Jhanor-Gandhar Gas Power Project (657 MW) near Nabipur in Bharuch district of Gujarat. The third (last) gas turbine unit (131 MW) was commissioned in May, 1994. The steam turbine unit (255 MW) is schedulel to be commissioned in September, 1995.

(c) The project is not linked to any off-share gas basin, so tne question of determining landing points does not arise.

(d) Gas from the Gandhar field is the main fuel for the project.

(e) The cost of generation, with gas as fuel, for the project as of 3rd quarter 1994 price level works out to 231.67 paise/kwh.

गुजरात में विद्युत का उत्पादन

3452. श्री गोपाल सिंह जी सोलंकी : क्या विद्युत मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) गुजरात में 31 दिसम्बर, 1994 की स्थिति के अनुसार विद्युत उत्पादन की क्षमता कितनी है ;

(ख) राज्य में इस समय विद्युत की कुल मांग की तुलना में उत्पादन की क्षमता कितनी है;

(ग) क्या राज्य-सरकार ने लम्बित विद्युत परियोजनाओं की स्वीकृति हेतु केन्द्रीय सरकार को कोई अभ्यावेदन दिया है ;

(घ) क्या आठवीं पंचवर्षीय योजना-अवधि के दौरान सौराष्ट्र-कच्छ क्षेत्र में नया विद्युत केन्द्र स्थापित करने का कोई प्रस्ताव सरकार के पास विचाराधीन है ; और

(ङ) यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है ?

विद्युत मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्रीमती उर्मिला बेन विक्रमभाई पटेल) : (क) 31-12-1994 की स्थिति के अनुसार गुजरात में अधिष्ठापित क्षमता 4389.27 मेगावाट थी।

(ख) 1994-95 के दौरान गुजरात में व्यवस्तमकालीन मांग 5410 मेगावाट थी और विद्युत उत्पादन क्षमता 4389.27 मेगावाट थी।

(ग) इस संबंध में गुजरात सरकार के किसी प्रतिवेदन की सरकार को कोई जानकारी नहीं है।

(घ) और (ङ) सौराष्ट्र और कच्छ क्षेत्र में 8वीं पंचवर्षीय योजना के दौरान नये विद्युत केन्द्र स्थापित करने के लिए गुजरात सरकार से के० वि० प्रा० को कोई प्रस्ताव प्राप्त नहीं हुआ है।

Optimal utilisation of potential for Power generation in North-Eastern Region

3453. SHRI NILOTPAL BASU:
SHRI DIPANKAR MUGHERJEE:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that North East Congress (I) Coordination Committee has prepared a study report on power perspectives in the North-Eastern region which was discussed in its Executive meeting at Shillong on 1st July, 1994 where Chief Ministers of five North-Eastern States in the region were present;

(b) if so, whether Government are contemplating any action on the observations/recommendations contained in the report.

(c) whether Government agree with the finding of the committee that the poor utilisation of less than 1 per cent of the hydro-power potential in North-East has been the result of short-sighted planning if so, what corrective measures are being planned;

(d) whether the coal-rich Eastern and hydro-rich North-Eastern regions provide an excellent scope for an ideally balanced integrated generating set up, if so, what steps Government propose to take to achieve this; and

(e) whether the hydro-potential of North-Eastern region can be fruitfully utilised for improving the poor hydro-thermal mix in the overall national power system; if so, what measures are being contemplated to achieve this?